

REMARKS

Claims 21-41 were pending in this application.

Claims 21-40 have been rejected.

No claims have been amended.

Claims 21-41 remain pending in this application.

Reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 21-41 are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF CLAIM 41

The Office Action indicates that Claims 21-40 are currently pending in this application. The Applicant respectfully notes that Claim 41 was added in the Applicant's response mailed on April 4, 2005 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 8, 2005.

II. DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

The Office Action rejects Claims 21-40 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,598,064. The Applicant has included a Terminal Disclaimer with this Response. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the double patenting rejection and full allowance of Claims 21-41.

III. CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully asserts that all pending claims in this application are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests full allowance of the claims.

SUMMARY

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *wmunck@davismunck.com*.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this communication (including any extension of time fee) or credit any overpayment to Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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